



## General Assembly

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## Amendment

LCO No. 8402

Offered by:

REP. AMANN, 118<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. BERNHARD, 136<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. BOUGHTON, 138<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. BOUKUS, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dist.  
REP. CARUSO, 126<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. COCCO, 127<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. DANDROW, 30<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
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REP. DAVIS, 50<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. DILLON, 92<sup>nd</sup> Dist.  
REP. DONOVAN, 84<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. DYSON, 94<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. FAHRBACH, 61<sup>st</sup> Dist.  
REP. FELTMAN, 6<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. FLAHERTY, 8<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
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REP. GERRATANA, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dist.  
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REP. GOOGINS, 31<sup>st</sup> Dist.  
REP. HAMM, 34<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. HORTON, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist.  
REP. JARJURA, 74<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. KEELEY, 125<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. KIRKLEY-BEY, 5<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. KLARIDES, 114<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. MALONE, 47<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. MANTILLA, 4<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. MARTINEZ, 95<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. MEGNA, 97<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. MICHELE, 77<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. MURPHY, 81<sup>st</sup> Dist.

REP. NEWTON, 124<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. MUSHINSKY, 85<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. O'NEILL, 69<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. O'ROURKE, 32<sup>nd</sup> Dist.  
REP. PANARONI, 102<sup>nd</sup> Dist.  
REP. PISCOPO, 76<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. ROY, 119<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. RYAN, 139<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. STILLMAN, 38<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. TERCYAK, 26<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. THOMPSON, 13<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. TRUGLIA, 145<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. URBAN, 43<sup>rd</sup> Dist.  
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REP. WINKLER, 41<sup>st</sup> Dist.  
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SEN. HARP, 10<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
SEN. JEPSEN, 27<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
SEN. LEBEAU, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.  
SEN. PETERS, 20<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
SEN. SMITH, 14<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5832

File No. 566

Cal. No. 386

**"AN ACT CONCERNING DAMAGES FOR THE UNLAWFUL  
KILLING OR INJURING OF COMPANION ANIMALS."**

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (a) For the purposes of this section, "companion  
4 animal" means a domesticated, warm-blooded animal that is normally  
5 maintained in or near the household of its owner or keeper and is  
6 dependent on a person for food, shelter and veterinary care, but does  
7 not include an animal kept for farming or biomedical research  
8 practices.

9 (b) Any person who intentionally kills or injures a companion  
10 animal, except as authorized by law, shall be liable to the owner of  
11 such companion animal for economic damages sustained by such  
12 owner including, but not limited to, expenses of veterinary care, the  
13 fair monetary value of a deceased companion animal and burial  
14 expenses for a deceased companion animal.

15 (c) In addition to any economic damages awarded pursuant to  
16 subsection (b) of this section, the court may award punitive damages  
17 in an amount not to exceed the jurisdictional monetary limit  
18 established by subsection (d) of section 51-15 of the general statutes,  
19 together with a reasonable attorney's fee.

20 (d) The provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall not apply to:  
21 (1) A veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 384 of the general  
22 statutes while following accepted standards of practice of the  
23 profession, (2) the state or any political subdivision of the state or any  
24 employee, officer or agent thereof while acting within the scope of  
25 such employee's, officer's or agent's employment or official duties, or

26 (3) an employee of or volunteer for a nonprofit organization or  
27 nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for the  
28 prevention of cruelty to animals or the protection of stray, abandoned  
29 or mistreated animals while acting within the scope of such employee's  
30 or volunteer's employment or duties.

31 Sec. 2. Section 22-351 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

33 Any person who steals, confines or conceals any [dog] companion  
34 animal, as defined in section 1 of this act, or who, with the intention of  
35 stealing such [dog] companion animal or concealing its identity or the  
36 identity of its owner or with the intention of concealing the fact that  
37 the [dog] companion animal is licensed, removes the collar or harness  
38 or tag from any licensed [dog] companion animal, or who unlawfully  
39 kills or injures any [dog] companion animal, shall be fined not more  
40 than [two hundred] one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than  
41 six months or both, and shall also be liable to the owner in a civil  
42 action, except that, if such person intentionally kills or injures any  
43 companion animal, such person shall be liable to the owner in a civil  
44 action as provided in section 1 of this act. For a second offense, or for  
45 an offense involving more than one [dog] companion animal, any such  
46 person shall be fined not more than [five hundred] two thousand  
47 dollars or imprisoned not less than one year nor more than three years  
48 or be both fined and imprisoned."